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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Executive Committee, Indiana Professional Standards Board
FROM: Judy Miller, Director of Assessment
DATE: March 16, 2004
RE: Testing Information

Recently, several questions have been raised concerning the equity of Praxis II testing requirements across all licensure areas. The following information may be helpful in these discussions.

- 1) The current list of adopted tests and qualifying scores is attached. Praxis I tests are required for all initial licenses and the listed Praxis II tests cover most of the licensure areas.
- 2) Alignment of the *Framework for Initial Licensure of Professional Educators in the State of Indiana* with currently available tests from the Educational testing Service (ETS) shows that the following licensure areas have tests available, but these assessments have not been reviewed or adopted by Indiana
 - Agriculture
 - English as a New Language
 - Latin
 - Gifted and Talented Education
 - Theater.

Also, there is a General Vocational test that could conceivably be adopted for the related licensure areas. Adoption of these tests would involve convening the standard setting panels, recommendation of qualifying scores and promulgation of the testing rules. It should be noted that the panels require a minimum of 10 members, which can be problematic for areas with few licensees.

- 3) The following license areas do not currently have a Praxis II test available
 - Computer Education
 - Journalism
 - Driver and Traffic Safety
 - Dance
 - Foreign Languages, such as Chinese and Japanese.

Development of assessment for these areas would involve considerable expenses related not only to questions development, implementation and delivery, but also such costs as accommodations for test takers with disabilities, validation for licensure, legal defensibility, etc.

Attachment: Indiana Teacher Licensing Tests

If Indiana students are to achieve high standards, there must be competent, caring, and qualified educators to get them there.

INDIANA TEACHER LICENSING TESTS

2003-2004

Test Name	Code	Qualifying Score
Basic Skills (Praxis I)		
PPST Reading	10710	176
PPST Writing	20720	172
PPST Mathematics	10730	175
C-PPST Reading	5710	176
C-PPST Writing	5720	172
C-PPST Mathematics	5730	175
CBT Reading (discontinued 12/31/01)	0711	323
CBT Writing (discontinued 12/31/01)	0721	318
CBT Mathematics (discontinued 12/31/01)	0731	320
Specialty Area (Praxis II)		
Art: Content Knowledge	0133	149
Biology: Content Knowledge	0235	154
Biology and General Science (Middle School)	20030	560
Business Education	0100	480
Chemistry: Content Knowledge	0245	151
Early Childhood Education (K-3)	10020	510
Earth Science: Content Knowledge	0571	150
Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment	10011	165 (effective 9/1/03)
English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge	10041	153
French: Content Knowledge	0173	160
French: Productive Language Skills	0171	162
General Science (Rules 46-47 licenses only; discontinued) For General Science license For Physical Science license	10430	450 360
German : Content Knowledge German (discontinued)	0181 20180	To be determined 490
Health Education	20550	420
Family and Consumer Sciences (formerly Home Economics Education)	0120	540
Introduction to the Teaching of Reading (for Reading License/endorsement only)	10200	510
Mathematics: Content Knowledge	0061	136
Media Specialist	10310	530
Music: Content Knowledge	0113	140
Physical Education: Content Knowledge	0091	150
Physical Science (Rules 46-47 only; discontinued)	10430	360
Physics: Content Knowledge	0265	149
Pre-Kindergarten Education (for Pre-K/early Childhood License)	20530	390
Reading Specialist (for all elementary teaching licenses issued after 7/1/01)	0300	370
Social Studies: Content Knowledge	10081	147
Spanish: Content Knowledge	0191	159
Spanish: Productive Language Skills	0192	162

Special Education: Knowledge-Based Core Principles Or Special Education: Core Principles Content Knowledge	0351	136*
Special Education: Teaching Students with Behavioral Disorders/Emotional Disturbance	0371	139*
Special Education: Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities	0381	139*
Special Education: Teaching Students with Mental Retardation	0321	144*
Speech Communication (Rules 46-47)	10220	490
Technology Education (Industrial Arts)	0050	590
* All Special Education candidates for a Rules 46-47 license should take either the 0351 test or the 0353 test AND the test for the Specialty Area (321, 371, or 381). Candidates for a Rules 2002 Special Education License should take tests 0353 and 0381. For areas where a specialty area test is not available, candidates take only the 0353 test.		
School Leadership Series		
School Leaders Licensure Assessment	1010	158 (until 12/31/04) 165 (after 1/1/05)

Notes:

- 1) If an applicant for an initial teaching license achieves the minimal acceptable score for an examination at the time she/he **completes** the teacher preparation program, that score may be used for licensing. However, an applicant must take any examination or test that has been added after the applicant completed the preparation program.
- 2) As of September 1, 1999, a candidate who has not passed any part of the Core Battery Tests can only use the Pre-Professional Skills (PPST, C-PPST, or CBT) to qualify for licensing.
- 3) Individuals preparing for a Physical Science License under Rules 2002 should take **both** Chemistry (0245) and Physics (0265) tests.
- 4) Speech-Language Pathology will require a Praxis II test under Rules 2002.
- 5) The Board is currently considering the adoption of the following tests for Middle School Licensure
 - 049 Middle School: English Language Arts
 - 069 Middle School: Mathematics
 - 439 Middle School: Science
 - 089 Middle School: Social Studies
 If adopted, these tests could be used under Rules 2002 for the Early Adolescence Generalist license.

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